**Energy Consumption**

**Oil, natural gas, and coal account for 81 percent of the world’s energy consumption – a figure that hasn’t changed in 30 years despite the rapid growth of renewables such as solar and wind power. *(Axios.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, October 11, 2019)***

**The world is poised to install another 700 million air conditioners by 2030, and 1.6 billion of them by 2050 – mostly in China, Indonesia, and Brazil. In terms of new energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, that’s the equivalent of adding several new countries to the world. *(WashingtonPost.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 17, 2016)***

**If we spend our energies being angry with the people who once disappointed us, we won’t have any left over for what we need now. *(Ardis Whitman, in Reader’s Digest)***

**One ounce of honey provides enough fuel for a bee to fly around the world. *(Kids’ Pages)***

**On game day, Cowboys Stadium consumes more electricity with its air conditioning, massive scoreboard, and other power-sucking amenities than Liberia, a nation of 3.7 million people. *(The Wall Street Journal, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 27, 2013)***

**A Texas-size gift to crypto miners: Texas paid a Bitcoin miner $31.7 million to stop operating during last month’s record heat wave, said MacKenzie Sigalos and Jordan Smith in CNBC.com. Bitcoin “mining” involves simultaneously running computers to guess solutions to complex math equations that, if guessed correctly, can “unlock” new Bitcoins. “Texas has made itself an ally to the Bitcoin mining industry,” but several large-scale mining operations use so much energy that ERCOT, the Texas energy agency, had to create an agreement that pays miners “to reduce their power so as not to overstress the grid when air-conditioners need to run at full blast.” During last month’s heat wave, Riot Platforms earned far more money from ERCOT than from its regular operations. *(The Week magazine, September 22, 2023)***

**Starting daylight savings time a month earlier than usual and ending it a week later in the fall will save an estimated $4.4 billion dollars in energy spending if the policy stays in effect through 2020. *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, March 16, 2007)***

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**Global energy use will rise by 35 percent by 2040, Exxon estimates, with the fastest growth expected in natural gas. That increase, however, will fuel a doubling of world economic output, thanks to more efficient energy technology. *(Houston Business Journal, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 27, 2013)***

**Global fossil fuel emissions are expected to reach a record high this year. The world’s nations are on track to emit roughly 36.6 billion tons of carbon dioxide, slightly more than the previous record set in 2019, which came before the pandemic prompted a temporary drop in energy use. *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 25, 2022)***

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**Google plans to rely entirely on renewable energy like wind and solar next year to run its global data centers. The company used enough electricity in 2015 to power the entire city of San Francisco for the year. *(Financial Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 16, 2016)***

**Fuel line: When you are waiting for someone in your car, do you ever wonder whether you should keep the engine running at idle speed or turn it off? These facts may help you reach a decision: One minute of idling burns more fuel than restarting the engine; the gasoline consumed in three minutes at idling speed can propel the average car about half a mile. *(Mickey Porter, in Akron Beacon Journal, as it appeared in the January, 1973 issue of Reader’s Digest, on page 134)***

**The huge Internet data centers that store and process everything from old emails to Facebook data and Google searches use about 30 billion watts of electricity worldwide – equivalent to the output of 30 nuclear power plants. Only about 10 percent of that energy powers actual computations; the rest keeps servers running around the clock, so as to avoid any slowdowns that would annoy users. *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, October 5, 2012)***

**Research shows that we burn up 3 times more energy when we are in a state of conflict versus being in harmony. *(Jean McLaughlin)\***

**Winter is that discouraging time of the year when the house uses more fuel than the car. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**The United States, which has been the world’s biggest energy consumer for more than a hundred years, has been bumped into second place by China, the International Energy Agency reported. China last year used the equivalent of 2.25 billion tons of oil, about 4 percent more than the U.S. consumed. As recently as 2000, U.S. consumption was double China’s. *(Financial Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 30, 2010)***

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